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1. MAY 11 MFA OFFICER WHO IS COORDINATING TURKISH PARTICIPATION IN SUMMIT, NALIM ERALP, TOLD EMBOFF LIST OF TURKISH DELEGATION HAD BEEN SENT TELEGRAPHICALLY MAY 11 TO BOTH TURKISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON AND TURKISH MISSION NATO. IF LIST NOT YET AVAILABLE, PLEASE ADVISE AND WE WILL OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM ERALP.
2. ACCORDING TO ERALP, THE ONLY WIVES WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANYING MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH DELEGATION ARE MRS ECEVIT AND MIRS KIRCA (WIFE OF TURKISH NATO PERMREP).
3. CONCERNING PARA 1E OF REF A, MENU PLANNERS SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT TURKEY IS A MUSLIM COUNTRY. WHILE IT IS LIKELY THAT VERY FEW, IF ANY, MEMBERS OF TURKISH DELEGATION STRICTLY OBSERVE TRADITIONAL MUSLIM RESTRICTIONS ON CONSUMPTION OF PORK, ETC (AND NONE WOULD BE LIKELY TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF IT), IT WOULD BE BEST TO AVOID POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT, EITHER BY LEAVING SUCH FOODS OFF THE MENU OR BY MAKING SURE ALTERNATIVE FOODS ARE AVAILABLE.

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4. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT NEED TO BE REMINDED THAT PRIMIN ECEVIT WAS OBJECT OF ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT DURING HIS VISIT TO US IN 1976--AN ATTEMPT THWARTED BY DEPARTMENT SECURITY OFFICERS. IT IS WORTH POINTING OUT, HOWEVER, THAT ECEVIT, AS PRIME MINISTER (NOT OPPOSITION LEADER, AS HE WAS IN 1976), IS NOW A MORE ATTRACTIVE TARGET FOR ANTI-TURKISH

ELEMENTS AMONG WHOM FEELINGS SEEM TO BE EVEN MORE
INTENSE THAN THEY WERE IN 1976. WE URGE THAT EVERY POSSIBLE
EFFORT BE MADE TO ENSURE ECEVIT'S SECURITY DURING HIS
STAY IN THE US.
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